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Re: Widening of the Beltway Funding
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Commissioner:
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Dear Chairman Clement:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Northern Virginia and as a member of the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth to oppose funding requested by VDOT for additional studies to add four lanes to the I-495 Beltway.

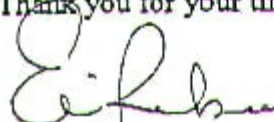
It has come to my attention that Fluor Daniel Corporation had been working discretely with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) since early 2002 to expand the Beltway to 12 lanes despite the overwhelming opposition of Fairfax County citizens (as shown in part by the sound rejection of the half-cent sales tax hike proposal last November).

I understand that this Thursday, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will be voting on a request by VDOT to approve funding to study a private sector project to add four High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes to the Beltway. I also understand that this new priority would supersede a study the state completed two years ago that concluded that rail transit on the Beltway was not only feasible but was deserving of more in-depth analysis.

I'm writing to you to oppose funding for this study as part my larger opposition to the widening of the Beltway.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your decision on this matter. You can contact me at the above address, phone or email.

Thank you for your time,



Erin Rubio

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Ms. Erin Rubino
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Dear Ms. Rubino:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Capital Beltway. On June 26, 2002, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) received an unsolicited PPTA proposal from Fluor Daniel for High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on part of the Capital Beltway. The conceptual proposal was reviewed in accordance with the guidelines established by Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995. On July 17, 2003, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) voted to advance the proposal to the detailed proposal stage. The vote by the CTB simply allows VDOT's staff the flexibility to request Fluor Daniel to provide additional details concerning its proposal. Additionally, the vote does not approve funding, nor does it approve design or construction. More importantly, the CTB's vote to advance Fluor Daniel's concept to the detailed proposal stage does not impact the independent and ongoing National Environmental Policy Act document work for the Capital Beltway.

Please refer to VDOT's website, www.virginiadot.org for specific information pertaining to the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 and the Fluor Daniel HOT Lane conceptual proposal. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Jeff Cutright at (804) 225-4958.

I hope this information is helpful. Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Whittington W. Clement

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